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The building of the Mavrovo Hydrocombine was begun 10 April 1948 by youth labor from Macedonia, Serbia, the Lika, and Croatia. It is to be finished during the First Five-Year Plan, and will furnish the basis for the electrification and industrialization of the People's Republic of Macedonia. The Mavrovo plain will be transformed into an artificial lake with an area of 12 square kilometers and a depth in some places of 40 meters. Mountain streams which normally flow into the Drim will be diverted to the Mavrovo lake by canals and tunnels. About 400 million cubic meters of water from the lake, after turning the turbines, will pour into the Vardar for the projected irrigation system of the fertile sections of Macedonia, the valley of the Upper Donji Polog, and the Skopsko Polje.

About 13,000 Yugoslav youth, almost 7,000 of them from the People's Republic of Macedonia, in addition to engineers, technicians, and other specialists, will participate in the work this year. The turbines will begin to turn at the beginning of the Second Five-Year Plan.

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